



# St Mark's CE Primary School

Newsletter 7  
Autumn Term  
15th December 2025

Dear Parents Carers and Children

## Diary Dates

|           |                               |
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| 16th Dec  | KS2 Carols                    |
| 18th Dec  | Christmas Lunch               |
|           | Christmas Jumper Day          |
| 19th Dec  | Christmas Service             |
|           | End of Term                   |
| 5th Jan   | All Children Return to School |
| 16th Feb  | Half Term                     |
| 20th Feb  | Term                          |
| 24th Feb  | Young Voices                  |
| 16th Mar  | Ready Set Dance               |
|           | Ardingly College              |
| 30th Mar  | Easter                        |
| 10th Apr  | Holidays                      |
| 11th May  | SAT's                         |
| 14th May  | Week                          |
| 22nd May  | Sports Day                    |
| 25th May  | Half Term                     |
| 29th May  | Term                          |
| 1st June  | INSET Day                     |
| 19th June | Reserve Sports Day            |
| 6th July  | Year 6 Leavers Service        |
| 20th July | INSET Day                     |
| 21st July | INSET Day                     |
| 22nd July | INSET Day                     |

## Christmas dates:

With only one week to go until the Christmas holidays, here is everything happening at St. Mark's this week:

**15th December** : Provide an Orange for the Christingle Service

**16th December 5pm**: Bramble & Laurel Carol Service in the Church - everyone invited

**18th December** : Christmas Jumper/outfit Day and Christmas Lunch - suggested donation £2 for Save the Children

**19th December 2pm** : Christingle Service at the Church - all invited

## Worship spot— The Christingle

As we prepare for our Christingle service on Friday. The children will be making their own Christingles and learning about what they symbolise. The candle represents that Jesus is the light of the world; the orange represents the world; the sweets are God's creation and the four cocktail sticks are the four seasons. The red ribbon symbolised Jesus's love and sacrifice for humanity.

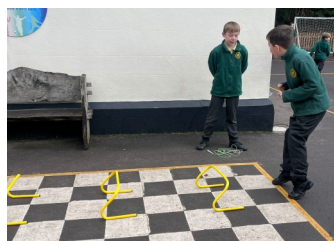


## Safeguarding Spot - Digital Safety Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is the Digital Safety Newsletter for Parents/carers and it is full of great tips on setting up new technology after Christmas safely and how to avoid scams this Christmas time. There are also free Digital Safety webinars you can sign up to at a range of times. We highly recommend these as they can give you great tips on how to keep your children safe online.

## Active Advent

Each day in December, Mrs Bean has been running a daily challenge at lunchtimes to encourage everyone to be more active. Lots of children have been having a go and some children have even organised their own challenges!



## Praise Postcards

The following children have received a postcard in the past few weeks: Isaac Abellan, Aria Benson, Georgia Bentley, Billy Bickerdike, Axel Booth, Georgina Bostock, Bruno Carlisle, Louis Carlisle, Harper Clayton, Theo Clayton, Esme Dowling, Emily Durrant, Aron Fenn, Barney Gaynor, Florrie Gaynor, Luca Gorvett, Harper Green, Maddison Hawkins, Amara Hever Lewis, Skye Hobden, Olivia Horner, Ayla Hornett, Jaxon James, Archie-Bear Kelly-Wise, Hunter-Blu Kelly-Wise, Aiden Khazandehdari, Rose Koureas, Suki Moore, Ivy Neen-Gurney, Daisy Payne, Toby Ponsford, Wilfred Potter, Una Power, Joe Ramsden, Phoebe Ramsden, Tommy Scrase, Mihaela Stoyanova, Kip Szajdzicki, Alexander Tyler Tarrant, Teddy Walker, Diezel Wheble, Elliott Willmer, Reeve Young

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## Nativity

Bluebell and Fern did an amazing job with their Nativity last week. The school loved watching on Monday and lots of parents commented how well they did in their Tuesday and Wednesday performances. Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to get the children ready to perform!



## Panto

We had the amazing Outside the Box Productions come last week to do our Panto of Peter Pan and it was brilliant! The children really enjoyed themselves and were joining in singing, dancing and shouting "he's behind you".



## Laurel Trip to the Observatory Science Centre

Laurel had an amazing trip to the Science centre a few weeks ago where they got to do so many fun workshops including a robot arms workshop, a chance to see the telescope and an amazing science show!



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